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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims below is believed to accurately reproduce the pending claims, but does not further amend those claims.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A monolithic compensator for a liquid crystal display comprising:
 - (a) a first deposited thin-film positively birefringent O-plate compensator layer having a first surface;
 - (b) a second thin-film compensator layer deposited onto said first surface of said first compensator layer, wherein said second deposited thin-film compensator layer is selected from the group consisting of (i) a positively birefringent O-plate compensator layer, (ii) a positively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, (iii) a negatively birefringent A-plate compensator layer, and (iv) a negatively birefringent C-plate compensator layer.
2. (Original) The monolithic compensator of claim 1, wherein one or more thin-film layers of material are deposited between said first deposited thin-film compensator layer and said second deposited thin-film compensator layer.
3. (Original) The monolithic compensator of claim 2, wherein at least one of said one or more thin-film layers is a deposited thin-film compensator layer.
4. (Original) A liquid crystal display comprising:
 - (a) a polarizer layer;
 - (b) an analyzer layer;

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- (c) a liquid crystal cell having a first transparent substrate and a second transparent substrate forming respective walls of said liquid crystal cell, said liquid crystal cell disposed between said polarizer layer and said analyzer layer; and
 - (d) a monolithic compensator in accordance with a specified one of claims 1, 2, or 3 disposed between said polarizer layer and said analyzer layer.
5. (Original) A compensator element for a liquid crystal display comprising:
- (a) an optically transparent substrate; and
 - (b) a monolithic compensator in accordance with a specified one of claims 1, 2, and 3, operatively coupled to a optically transparent substrate.
6. (Original) The compensator element of claim 5, wherein said optically transparent substrate is an optical polarizer.
7. (Original) The compensator element of claim 5, wherein said optically transparent substrate is one surface of a liquid crystal cell.